REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the continuity data is added to the specification.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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